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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
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THROUGH : National Intelligence Officer for Warning

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SUBJECT : East Asia Warning Assessment

The following items were discussed by Community representatives at the 20 October warning meeting.

I. Warning -- There were no warning items this time in the East Asia area.

II. Regional Developments

A. ROK student disorder and textile strike -- These appear unlinked, though the government is accusing Christian groups of fomenting trouble. Anti-American themes do not dominate the controversies.



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B. Japanese Domestic Politics -- If a Liberal Democratic Party primary is required as a step in the selection of Suzuki's successor as Prime Minister, it could take place on 23 November, with the new PM in office within a week thereafter. We still have no insights as to which of the known LDP front runners this might be, but Komoto is expected to win the primary if one is held.



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C. President Soeharto's Visit to the US -- The Indonesians are now in Seoul, en route home to Jakarta. All available reports suggest that the Indonesians reacted favorably to their treatment in the US, including the President's announcement of the appointment of Assistant Secretary Holdridge as Ambassador to Jakarta. In his conversation here Soeharto evidenced concern about the PRC; Japanese defense buildup; the US position on the Law of the Sea; and bilateral economic problems, e.g., US plywood import restrictions. The specifics of US defense assistance were not dealt with.



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D. Upcoming North Korean Military Activities -- We should be realistic about likely North Korean military actions and our ability to assess them. We will have increased knowledge of North Korean capabilities, not intentions. North Koreans plans may change in response to US military actions; North Korea reaction was pacific to US naval maneuvers in the Sea of Japan near the North Korean economic zone. This year's winter activities may begin on 10 November; last year's began 7 December. We assume Pyongyang will expand and improve this year's exercise 

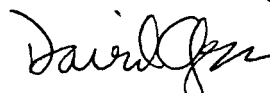
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III. Plans for Interagency Work -- Intelligence Community estimates and memoranda are contemplated or underway on: Japan Trade; Japan Defense; ASEAN; Southwest Pacific; Australia; PRC Modernization; PRC Foreign Policy; North Korean Warning of War; and Hong Kong.

IV. Regional Policy Issues -- All participants are encouraged to raise subjects in this area.


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